

WICHITA IS WINNER

SHORT HAUL THEORY IS NOW FULLY VINDICATED.

NO MORE ROBBERY

IMPORTANT RULING BY THE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

JOHNSON & LARIMER WIN SUIT

RAILROADS ORDERED TO ADJUST THEIR RATES.

Discrimination Must Cease—Decision of the Commission is Final—Kansas City Must Leave the Field.

Another important event has occurred in the progress of getting better freight rates for Wichita.

Yesterday the Interstate Commerce commission at Washington took up what is known as the Johnson-Larimer complaint, originating with that firm, in this city, and settled it in their favor.

It was nearly midnight last night when the Eagle received a special dispatch from Washington which is as follows:

Washington, D. C., May 23.—(Special)—The Interstate Commerce commission in an opinion by Commissioner Yeomans announced its decision of the case of the Johnson-Larimer Dry Goods company of your city against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company and others, in favor of the complainant. It was alleged that rates for the transportation of cotton piece goods, molasses, sugar, rice, or coffee from Galveston, Houston or other shipping points in Texas to Wichita are higher via defendant's lines than rates on the same commodities from the same point of shipment to Kansas City, Mo., and other Missouri river points.

The commission held that the allegation was well founded and was in violation of the Interstate Commerce act. It ordered the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company, the latter being also a party to the proceedings, to correct their rates and also to make schedules that would be readily intelligible to shippers.

The above will be regarded as a great victory for the city, which will appreciate the decision. It is far reaching and will be of special benefit to the wholesale interests and, of course, to the people, for a saving in the cost of transportation will naturally redound to the benefit of the consumers who, after all, have to pay the freight.

A great many of the staples come from the south and the advantage of the decision is incalculable.

While the decision refers only to dry goods, coffee, rice and molasses it really covers everything coming from the Gulf ports and is, in reality, an enforcement of the broad principle that no railroad can charge more for a short haul than for a long haul.

Heretofore sugar shipped from Galveston went through Wichita, was carried 25 miles further along the same line of road, turned about and brought back to Wichita and delivered at a lower rate than it was delivered if shipped direct from Galveston to Wichita without being handled at the intermediate point.

This was a visible and manifest outrage of justice due Wichita and a glaring discrimination in favor of Kansas City, Atchison, St. Joseph and other Missouri river points. It was an outrage that would make desperate outrages of the past seem tame.

The Johnson-Larimer company found that they could ship their goods from New York and Boston to Galveston for a nominal sum but when they arrived there the rates were so fixed by the railroad companies that the rate from Galveston to Wichita was greater than the rate from Galveston to Kansas City, a longer haul. This company naturally complained of the discrimination to the state board of railroad commissioners and they held that the complaint was justified and that the discrimination was a violation of the spirit of the law.

The railroad companies disobeyed the order and after some quarreling the Johnson-Larimer company sued them and the Interstate Commerce commission has with the above result. The case has been with the Interstate Commerce commission for two or three years.

The courts have held that the ruling of the Interstate Commerce commission is final in such cases and the ruling made yesterday cannot be appealed from. If it is ignored then the whole power of the government can be exercised in its enforcement without cost to Wichita or the complainants.

The result is that the wholesale houses of Wichita have it within their power to drive the Kansas City wholesale houses from this territory so far as the sale of goods coming from the ports of Texas is concerned. And, if the decision is a vindication of the short haul theory it would seem as if the product of this territory could be shipped out at the same rate as the product they can be from Kansas City. It is the case then the whole freight rate question is practically solved.

FOR THE TEAM TEACHERS

Western Roads Voting on a One-Fare Rate on Their Account.

Chicago, Ill., May 23.—Western roads are now voting on the proposition to make a one-fare rate for the round trip for the school teachers in Utah who wish to come east for their annual vacation trip. The tickets will be good between Salt Lake City and the Missouri river, Chicago, St. Louis, St. Paul and return. It is now proposed to sell them only on one day. If this will be limited to a continuous passage in both directions and will have a final return limit of September 5.

CALL A REIGN OF TERROR

Milwaukee Merchants Issue a Manifesto to All Good Citizens.

Milwaukee, May 23.—The Merchants and Manufacturers association held a meeting this afternoon at which it was declared that the street railway boycott had produced a reign of terror unlike anything known before in the city's history, and that method of forcing a settlement of the strike was strongly condemned. The association called upon all good citizens at once to cease to use or submit to this objectionable weapon and to exercise their independence as citizens. The mayor was requested to call the attention of those responsible for the boycott to the statute which

provides a punishment for this misdemeanor and the civil authorities were asked to exercise all their power for the detection and punishment of all persons guilty of violating the law.

PROMOTIONS IN THE ARMY

Occasioned by Two Officers' Retirement and Another's Death.

Washington, May 23.—A number of promotions have been caused by the retirement today of Colonels Parker and Gordon and by the death of Lieutenant Gatewood. They are as follows: Lieutenant Colonel D. D. Van Valen, twenty-fourth infantry, to be colonel of the eighteenth; Major E. H. Liscum, twenty-second infantry, to be lieutenant colonel of the twenty-fourth; Captain William Van Horn, seventeenth infantry, to be major of the twenty-second; Lieutenant J. D. Nickerson, seventh infantry, to be captain of the same; Second Lieutenant H. P. Hagerdon, twenty-third infantry, to be first lieutenant of the seventeenth; Lieutenant Colonel E. S. Sumner, sixth cavalry, to be colonel.

Colonel Gordon's retirement will result in the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel S. S. Sumner, sixth cavalry, now stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to the grade of colonel and that officer will succeed to the command of the Fort Meyer, Va., post.

TORNADO AT LA FORTAINE

Farmer Edwards Fatally Injured, Others Hurt and Great Property Loss.

Neodesha, Kan., May 23.—A tornado passed through the western part of this county early this morning. La Fortaine, a village of 200 souls, was almost destroyed. Two business houses, the Missouri Pacific depot and the Christian church were wrecked, and almost every house in the village was damaged. A score of farm houses north, east and west, were destroyed.

Aaron Edwards, a farmer, was fatally injured and many others were severely hurt. The aggregate loss in buildings and property is fully \$25,000. Hall and rain accompanied the wind and destroyed every vestige of vegetation. The damage to crops is incalculable. The town of La Fortaine is about seventy-five square miles.

BIDS FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES

Indian Bureau Proposes a Scolding Down of Prices This Year.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—Commissioner of Indian Affairs Browning has returned to New York City, where he superintended the opening of bids for contracts for supplying the Indian service. He regards the range of contract prices as satisfactory. The range of the bids, notably coffee, one of the largest items, being materially lower than last year, and sugar being also showing a decrease in price. As a result of the bidding, the Indian bureau will leave Monday for New York to complete the supervision of the work.

OKLAHOMA POPULISTS ELECT

First District Sends Three Delegates to the National Convention.

Perry, O. T., May 23.—The first district Populist convention of Oklahoma last night elected Leo Vincent, editor of the Oklahomaian, Senator W. S. Spencer and W. R. McGraw, delegates to the national convention. Resolutions denouncing the present pension system and endorsing a system of paying soldiers in proportion to disabilities, was passed.

BROAD AND NARROW GAUGE

Prohibition National Convention in Pittsburgh to Be One Solid Bloc.

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 23.—The advance guard of the Prohibition national convention, which was in this city Wednesday, has arrived. The Maryland delegation will boom the candidacy of Joshua Levering for the head of the national ticket.

National Chairman Samuel Dickie of Michigan, arrived tonight and got to work on convention detail work. He is a "hard-core" prohibitionist and thinks his faction will dominate the convention. Ever since the arrival of the Levering boomers from Baltimore, delegates have been coming in from all directions, and it is expected by Monday the hotels will be pretty well filled.

Word was received today that two special trains from the Pacific coast are on the way. Both sides are claiming the broad and narrow gauge, and the contest will be close. The money question promises to be a main issue, and all the other disputes in a measure hinge upon that. Some sort of a half-way declaration will be attempted to pacify both factions.

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TAKY-GOLDBUGS UNWARES

Silver Democrats of South Dakota Teach Grover's People a Trick.

Yankton, S. D., May 23.—South Dakota will have a contesting delegation in the Democratic national convention. The silver Democrats of the state, who had their inings, and elected a full set of delegates to Chicago. For some reason this was suppressed, but the delegates will attempt to pacify both factions.

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INDIANA GOLDBUGS BUZZING

It is Stated That Indiana's Democratic Delegation Will Be for Gold.

Indianapolis, Ind., May 23.—A meeting of nearly all the prominent Democrats of this city was held tonight for the purpose of opposing the free silver wing of the party in the state. All were vigorously opposed to free coinage. A resolution was adopted that the county opposed to free coinage was called for Thursday evening next. Delegates will be sent to the Chicago convention who will oppose any free silver candidate. Nine-tenths of the prominent Democrats of Indianapolis are for the single gold standard.

Tom Johnson a Delegate.

Cleveland, O., May 23.—The Democratic convention of the twenty-first congressional district today elected ex-Congressman Tom L. Johnson and G. H. Alden, delegates to Chicago. They are not pledged but are opposed to the free coinage of silver.

For Cleveland and Gold.

New Bedford, Mass., May 23.—The Democratic convention of the Thirteenth congressional district today elected delegates to the national convention. Resolutions were adopted endorsing Cleveland and declaring for the gold standard.

THINGS WILL BUZZ

FIREY WOE EXPECTED IN OKLAHOMA CITY NEXT TUESDAY.

Georgia Democrats in the Interest of Hoke Smith are Planning to Let the Territorial Convention Resolve for Free Silver But be Careful at the Same Time to See That a Gold Standard Delegation Goes to Chicago in Cleveland's Support.

—Jo Wily Sounds the Alarm and the Democrats are Scared.

Guthrie, O. T., May 23.—As it promises panic, pandemonium and pugilism all eyes in Oklahoma are now turned to the convention of the Democrats of the territory in Oklahoma City next Tuesday.

This convention is for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national Democratic convention for the nomination at Chicago. In this convention at Oklahoma City the counter-currents of bitterness and political hatred, of disappointment and chagrin, of resentment and revenge, which have been beating against the flood-gates in Oklahoma Democracy for so long, will at last overwhelm the walls of its prison and rush out and write into one meal-storm of broil and contention.

The Oklahoma Democrats have for four years suffered like a hungry man with a muzzle on imprisoned in a restaurant. The offices have been here. They have been filled from Kentucky, Georgia and Missouri. The Democrats who have attended the tiresome caucuses who have stood at the bidding of winter or the brass stuffing breath of summer at the primaries, who have worked like Trojans in the convention and passed resolutions voicing ineffectual loyalty to Grover Cleveland.

They have seen successively, constantly and with desperate belligerent regularity, some slick, smooth, genteel Georgia Majah walk in, seat himself in the throne and draw the salary. But the other day Cleveland, president of the United States, willfully blind to all the judicial talent from which Oklahoma is famous, appointed Tammey of Missouri. It is said, to come into Oklahoma for the purpose of "making the other judges."

Strife must come, streaked strife, with a forlorn attachment. It will break at Oklahoma City next Tuesday and if anything can be predicted, will be against the humanity as the future is those Georgia carpet-baggers will get a drubbing that will peel their complexion off.

The Georgia crowd, with its carpet-bagging following, is ready to do mischief. They are the creatures of Hoke Smith. They would like to see his hobby—a gold standard—indorsed by the Oklahoma City convention. That is impossible. What then do these men gentlemen do? Nothing less than to scheme to allow the convention to vote a spouting resolution for free silver, but to carefully, secretly, but not less effectively, to elect delegates to Chicago for Hoke Smith and a gold standard first, last and all the time.

But the "home rule" men are onto their game and if a consummation of their game is attempted, they will hit the ceiling in a way that will leave an impression of their personality on the plaster.

Jo Wily, the Democratic leader of Guthrie, has sounded the alarm. He has written the following letter to E. F. Mitchell, at El Reno:

Wily to Hornby, Guthrie, O. T., May 11, 1896.

Friend Mitchell.—This is a message on hand to thwart the will of the party on the silver question. Hoke Smith, I am reliably informed, has enlisted his trusted men in the plan. Think the department of justice is taking a hand. They are seeking to ply the same tale that the federal officeholders did in Michigan.

Four or five weeks ago Nagle said to Keaton and myself that as the free silver men were in the majority in the territory they ought to have the delegates to Chicago. We agreed that was proper and all right.

Now what has occurred since leads me to believe that Nagle has not been acting fair. Ever since that time he has been traveling the territory, fixing up a scheme to capture the delegates. This was the plan of the party at Perry. Lon runs a paper. Pat gave him a printing job amounting to about \$200 and, no doubt, promised him a long interview for King, then sent for Lon Wharton, had a long talk with him and he then withdrew and left the field clear for King. You know King is the receiver of the land office, relative of Hoke Smith and what he says is a free silver man, he could not well vote against a resolution endorsing the national administration, financial policy and all.

Nagle wants Johnson and King. They are all friends of mine, and personally, I would like to help them, but under no circumstances would I support a gold standard or federal officeholder for delegate.

Is it not strange that the federal office, men from Carlisle down can be found to support such a gigantic scheme to rob and plunder the millions of the interest of the few? Can those fellows do us up, or will we let them?

They can't touch Kay county, Payne, Payne of this county. Can you hold Canadian and the western counties? Think Wood and Grant counties will be all right. If you can carry your county and Dunn can carry Oklahoma, there will be no trouble.

Their object is to take the delegates and give up the platform. Our country will be for free silver and Keaton as delegate. We ought to be kicked out of the territory if we allow these fellows to do us up.

What are our prospects over your way? Lowe has gone to Green county to find the delegates there. Can you write to some one down there? Yours truly,

JOSEPH H. WILBY.

The "home rule" Democrats are in arms at the sound of this alarm. They have demanded free silver. At Kingfisher the following platform was adopted and it is a good index to the feelings of the average Oklahoma Democrat:

1. We, the Democrats of Kingfisher county, in convention assembled, hereby declare our unqualified adherence to the principles of democracy as enunciated by Jefferson, written in the constitution of the United States, and vigorously upheld by Jackson, and we congratulate the Democracy everywhere that the people are vigilant and aroused to the danger that threatens the overthrow of these doctrines and tenets of our faith.

2. Being attentive to the woe brought upon the people of the world, and particularly of the people of the United

States, by the demonization of silver, we denounce the maintenance of the present single gold standard as undemocratic and a continuing crime against the American people, and we demand a restoration of the money of the constitution, by a law providing for the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold, without discrimination, at a rate of 16 to 1, regardless of the action of any other nation.

3. Recognizing the time-honored doctrine of Democracy, that all important measures of public policy should be upon instruction from and ratification by the people, we fully indorse the action of the territorial committee in submitting the question of free coinage of silver to the people.

4. Instruct a delegation to the territorial convention at Oklahoma City to vote as a unit upon all questions coming before the convention, and do not give any delegate to said convention authority to give his proxy to any person or persons who have not been an entire delegation to cast the vote of any delegate absent, if any there be.

5. We further that the citizens of this territory are entitled to the full and faithful enforcement of the doctrine of the Democratic party, that the officers appointed by the federal government should be chosen from among the people where their services are to be rendered, and that the Democratic party, this doctrine by the present administration, whereby the administration of the local affairs of this territory is largely placed in the hands of "carpet baggers" and non-residents who have no interest in the welfare of our people.

6. Recognizing in A. C. Burwell, of Kingfisher county, a consistent advocate of the principles of the platform, and his integrity, and knowing him at all times to be a sterling Democrat, we endorse him as one of the delegates to our national convention, and instruct our delegates to elect him to the position of president of the convention, and use all honorable means at all times to secure his election as such.

GRANT COUNTY DEMOCRATS

Free Coinage of Silver, and Eight Territorial Delegates to Chicago.

Pond Creek, O. T., May 23.—(Special)—The Democrats of Grant county held a large delegate convention at the court house here today for the purpose of electing eight delegates to represent the county at the territorial convention. The meeting was largely attended and delegates were present from every township in the county.

The meeting was called to order by H. A. McCall, chairman of the county central committee, and J. W. Berryman was elected secretary. The convention was unanimous for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and voted to send the following delegates to the territorial convention: J. C. McClelland, A. M. Mackey, J. W. Berryman, O. S. Watson, C. F. White, A. M. Haven, D. L. Cline and William Alexander.

The delegates were instructed to cast the entire vote of the delegation for Hon. W. S. Denton of Garfield county as delegate to the national convention.

OKLAHOMA'S GREAT UNIVERSITY

Attractive Features to be Furnished on the Fourth Annual Commencement.

Norman, O. T., May 23.—No time could be more appropriate than now for saying what cannot be over-said: The Oklahoma Territorial university is a creditable institution. With seven years of farm-making and city-building, these people have been school-making and college-building. This, the university's fourth annual commencement, will be more than that name, as the first graduating class participates. In giving alumni to this territory the college does more than mere words will express. More than that, it has brought to know how uncommon are such events among institutions so new.

This commencement holds additional attractions. On Sunday, May 31, the annual convocation will be held at the university. On Tuesday, June 2, Henry E. Asp will make the annual address before the literary societies. To those who know him, and all who are interested in the university, say that he draws inspiration from both the vigor of youth and the experience of age.

The grand concert of the musical department will be given by the King of Song. It will prove a feature of surprise to those as yet unacquainted with this young lady's talents.

The Oklahoma Historical society has its annual meeting at the university and its first annual exercises will be held as a feature of commencement week. Will T. Little delivers the annual address, and "Historical Reminiscences" will be responded to by Hon. Frank B. Rowland. The historical society has been organized for making the work an interesting one, and it is expected that a one and one-third special rate on the railroads for the round trip will make commencement week a great event.

OLD SETTLERS' PICNIC REPORTED

Highest Rain of the Season Spoiled Picnic at Stillwater, O. T.

Stillwater, O. T., May 23.—(Special)—On Thursday was held an old settlers' picnic in H. C. Morris' grove five miles south of Stillwater. A large crowd came out to enjoy the day and talk over the many adventures and experiences of the first days of Oklahoma.

A very enjoyable day was anticipated. Hon. R. A. Lowry, A. T. Neill, John R. Clark and other speakers were present and prepared to deliver good speeches. The picnic was a success, but the heavy rain of the day previous, makes a total of 1.35 inches in two days. Streams are full and overflowing. Bridges have been washed away by high water that have been regarded as being above high water mark.

During Thursday night, or about 3 o'clock Friday morning, a cyclone passed over the neighboring country. Those who happened to be at that hour fired guns and rang bells to awaken the slumbering population and warn them of the approaching danger. No damage was done that has yet been heard of. However, it is rumored that a cyclone was in Pawnee county, about twenty miles northeast of Stillwater.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 23.—The convention of Journeymen Householders completed its business this afternoon. Officers were elected. The convention was held at the O'Neill of Chicago. First vice president and general organizer, Fred Baskley; second vice president, Thomas J. Day, Cleveland; third vice president, C. W. McKee, Louisville; secretary and treasurer, R. K. Ketchum, Denver.

SLAIN BY WATERS

HOT SPRINGS' MAYOR OUTS HARRY MARTIN'S THROAT.

Martin Belongs to a Class Upon Which the Authorities of the City Have War to Make, and the Consequence of a Street Meeting is a Street Row in Which Waters Flashes His Man With a Pocket Knife—Waters is Famed in Connection With the Mill Which Failed to Come Off—Waters in Custody.

Hot Springs, Ark., May 23.—Mayor W. W. Waters of this city at 9:30 tonight killed Harry Martin, a doctor's drummer, on the street by cutting his throat with a pocket knife. The killing grew out of the war being waged on the drummers by the city authorities. Martin accosted Waters on the street and a quarrel arose, when the mayor drew his knife and cut Martin's throat from ear to ear. The mayor was arrested and is at the sheriff's house tonight. Mayor Waters gained national notoriety through his connection with the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fiasco.

HAS SALT LAKE A HOLMES

Gastly Tale of a Pastor, a Furnace and a Woman's Disappearance.

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 23.—A local paper prints a story which may develop into a sensation. Four play is claimed in the somewhat mysterious disappearance of Miss Henrietta Clausen, who has not been seen since September last. She was at that time taking care of the apartments of Rev. Francis Herman, pastor of the First Scandinavian Methodist church in this city. A recent investigation of the great furnace in the building reveals two razors, a butcher knife, garter and belt buckles and charred bones. The bones have been turned over to physicians and the police department is making a rigid investigation.

Miss Samuelson, a friend of the pastor, also disappeared last January. The last heard of the pastor he was at Kansas City on his way to Iowa. A warrant was sworn out tonight for the arrest of Francis Herman, upon information charging him with murder. The warrant is signed by D. H. Werners, city magistrate, upon the complaint of John Hansen, who is the last man who saw Miss Clausen before her disappearance from the city.

Under date of May 8, Herman wrote a letter from Kansas City to the pastor, enclosing a pawn ticket, which is claimed by the police department to have been given for a gold ring and a gold watch, the property of Miss Anna Samuelson, who disappeared on Jan. 23, last.

A box containing poisonous drugs has been found in the room formerly occupied by the pastor. Herman is a man 45 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, weighs 180 pounds, has sandy hair and moustache, wears gold spectacles and is well known in Kansas City and Minneapolis.

MURDERED FOR MONEY

Whole Family Butchered in Their Cabin in Southwest Missouri.

Fry, Mo., May 23.—The whole Sawyer family, consisting of father, mother and grown son, were discovered in their home one mile east of this place today foully murdered. Ernest E. Sawyer, the son, had stab wounds in the throat and right breast, had his head broken and his head of face were beaten into a jelly. He had evidently been murdered in the barn and the body dragged to the house. The skulls of both father and mother were crushed in. Mrs. Sawyer's left arm was also broken, evidently in trying to ward off a murderous blow. The three bodies were found piled together under a bed and covered with a blanket.

The door of the small log cabin in which the family lived were both fastened and the window blinds had been drawn down.

On the front door was a card upon which had been scrawled the words: "We are gone to Ozark; will be back Monday or Tuesday."

This is supposed to have been left by the murderers. The object of the crime appears to have been robbery. The Sawyers came here from Linn county, Iowa, last November and were peaceable, hard-working people. They are known to have had \$400 in the house, and were carrying with their team and wagon, is missing. The murder is believed to have been committed Wednesday evening. A disolute young man who recently came here from northern Kansas and who was seen in company with Young Sawyer on Wednesday evening, is missing. There is strong suspicion against him. Should be apprehended and held for trial. Evidence against him will be lynched.

REWARD OUT FOR BLANTHER

Traced to El Paso, Texas, and Supposed to be in Mexico.

Sacramento, Cal., May 23.—The governor has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of Joseph Blanthier, an ex-Hungarian officer, charged with having murdered Mrs. Philomena Langfield at San Francisco, Friday last.

San Francisco, May 23.—J. E. Blanthier, the suspected murderer of Mrs. Langfield, has been traced to El Paso, Tex. He bought a first-class ticket last Saturday evening at Martinez and was seen by a Northern Kansas man who was seen in company with Young Sawyer on Wednesday evening, is missing. There is strong suspicion against him. Should be apprehended and held for trial. Evidence against him will be lynched.

TOO QUICK FOR THE CONSTABLE

Crazy Californian Shoots His Wife and Then Suicide.

Chico, Cal., May 23.—This afternoon Richard Little, aged 56 years, shot his wife with a Winchester rifle and then placing the weapon to his own throat, fired a bullet through his head, using a stick to spring the trigger. Both died instantly. His wife was only 19 years old. Little had been insane for some time and a constable was on his way to arrest him for insanity when the crime was committed.

WELLES FUGITIVE A MOVE

For the Mississippi. Moves the Insurgents are Reported Conspiring.

Havana, Cuba, May 23.—Captain General Weyler, General Ochoa, chief of staff, and Colonel Ahumada, captain general's aide-de-camp, have started for Bahia, Brazil, on the coast of the province of Bahia, Brazil, where a most important and decisive movement of the Spanish forces against the insurgents will be undertaken.

According to private and apparently trustworthy information received here, the insurgents are planning to move to the Mississippi.

BULLETIN OF THE WICHITA DAILY EAGLE

Wichita, Sunday, May 24, 1896.

Weather for Wichita today: Fair; warm; south winds. Sun—Rises, 4:40; sets, 7:10. Moon—Rises, 7:10; sets, 7:10.

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Maximo Gomez has found himself unable to gather together more men for an invasion of the western end of the island and the situation of the insurgent leaders is said to be desperate and apparently tending towards a breakdown. Armed bands of insurgents it is further reported, are surrendering to the Spanish outposts at Remedios, province of Santa Clara.

Leader Valencia camped on the 29th in the village of San Matias, Havana province. The next morning he marched to Havana harbor to prevent the departure of a vessel carrying arms and a number of dwelling houses were also destroyed. He next visited Tres Hermanas and destroyed property valued at \$50,000.

The police of Jovellanos, in the province of Matanzas, announce that they have captured an insurgent leader called Vito Coleado, who commanded the first invasion of the province of Gomez. At 4 o'clock today occurred the court martial of a negro named Hermeleguilla, a well known leader of the rebellion and an incendiary of considerable notoriety.

In consequence of the great drought extending throughout the entire island, many of the wells of the country districts are without water. Cattle on some of the farms are dying because of the scarcity of provender.

PUTS A BUG IN GROVER'S EAR